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*Mortuary report of Habana for the week ended December 19, 1903.*

Disease.	Number of deaths.
Tuberculosis .....	14
Pneumonia .....	3
Bronchitis .....	6
Broncho-pneumonia .....	1
Enteritis .....	4
Meningitis .....	9
Diphtheria .....	2
Scarlet fever .....	4
Cancer .....	4
Tetanus .....	2
Leprosy .....	1

Total deaths from all causes, 112.

*Reports from Matanzas.—Diphtheria and varicella.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Nunez reports, December 22, as follows: Week ended December 19, 1903. Three bills of health were issued to vessels leaving for the United States.

Two cases of diphtheria and two of varicella in children have been reported in this city during the same period. I have seen one of the cases of varicella, a child 2 years old, showing a typical form and leaving no doubt as to the nature of the disease. In both cases isolation has been established with due precaution to avoid communications, especially with other children. Orders have been issued by the local sanitary board forbidding children suffering or who have suffered from a contagious disease and who are still convalescing going to school until the premises have been disinfected and the attending physician certifies that there is no longer any danger as to its dissemination.

The following mortuary statistics of the city of Matanzas for the ten days ended December 20, 1903, as will be noticed, show the lowest rate recorded during the present year:

	Number of deaths.	Bertillon number.
Bronchitis, capillary .....	1	90
Tuberculosis .....	2	27
Broncho-pneumonia .....	1	92
Cardiac lesion (unclassified) .....	2	79
Abscess of the liver .....	1	114
Cancer of stomach .....	1	40
Bright's disease .....	1	120
Decrepitude .....	1	154
Total .....	10	.....

Estimated population, 48,000; annual rate of mortality per 1,000, 7.60.  
No quarantinable disease has been reported.

*Quarantine of Norwegian steamship Opland from Tampico—Sanitary conditions at Matanzas satisfactory—Diphtheria.*

Week ended December 26, 1903:

Three bills of health were issued during same period to vessels leaving for ports in the United States in good sanitary condition. One of them, the Norwegian steamship *Opland*, was held in quarantine to complete five days from the time of arrival, as required by the Cuban quarantine regulations of ships and nonimmune passengers and crew originating from ports infected with yellow fever. This vessel